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President Bill Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing because of my concern for the integrity of the U.S. food supply. I am concerned that some 50 million acres of genetically engineered crops were grown in the U.S. last year. These acres are a threat to other farmers who are trying to grow conventional crops nearby. I read that you and Al Gore are proponents of this type of farming. Are you aware of the risks?

Dr. Arpad Pusztai, a British scientist, released a report this year that underlines the fact that genetically engineered foods can be harmful to health. He fed laboratory rats potatoes that had been engineered for pest resistance and found that these potatoes had 20% less protein, were higher in toxic byproducts. The result for the rats' vital organs were significantly decreased in size. This report was released in England.

Is it your wish that food like this fed to our children would harm them on a massive scale? Why should human beings be guinea pigs to this type of experimentation before the results are known? I suppose one of the motivations for sponsoring genetically engineered foods is that the thought is this would increase the world's food supply. What is needed is to sponsor legitimate agriculture and to stop trying to improve on what is natural.

The actions which are taken now about agriculture will have lasting effects on future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Ward



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